

MEMO TO: Acton Board of Selectmen

FROM: Carol Holley, *Carol* on Behalf of Many Former Members of the EAVPC

RE: Micki Williams Memorial Bench in East Acton Village

DATE: 8/26/05

For approximately three and a half years, we had the pleasure of working with Micki Williams on the East Acton Village Plan. As she did with all her interests, Micki pursued the enabling legislation with passion, energy, and an incisive intellect. Her presence in the community is sorely missed.

Veterans of the EAV planning process have been speaking informally for several weeks regarding an appropriate tribute to Micki. We have come to the conclusion that a granite bench, to be placed in the area of the proposed EAV Green, would be a fitting and useful memorial. Micki was an ardent proponent of the EAV Green project and a vocal advocate of pedestrian-friendliness in East Acton.

I have spoken with Ted Williams, and he heartily approves of this project. Dean Charter has stated that if the bench were to be installed on a concrete slab, which the Town could provide, maintenance around it would be minimal. Other former EAVPC members and I would be willing to fundraise to purchase an appropriate bench, the estimated cost of which is in the neighborhood of \$1,000. A percentage above the purchase price can be raised as a maintenance endowment, if required.

I am respectfully requesting permission to move ahead on this proposed project.

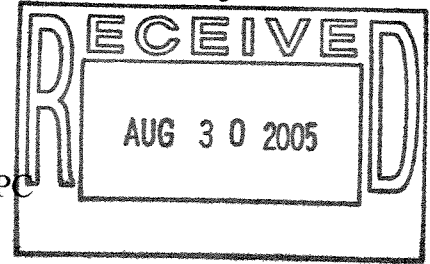
Thank you for your time and consideration.

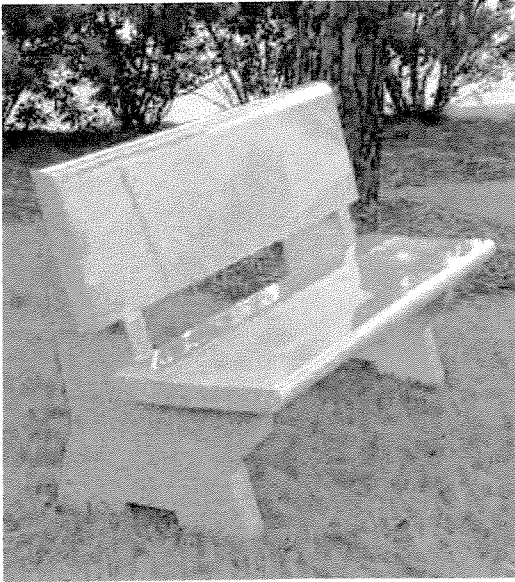
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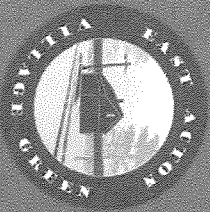
- Photo of type of bench being considered
- Proposed EAV Green Plan
- Proposed EAV Green Area, Existing Conditions

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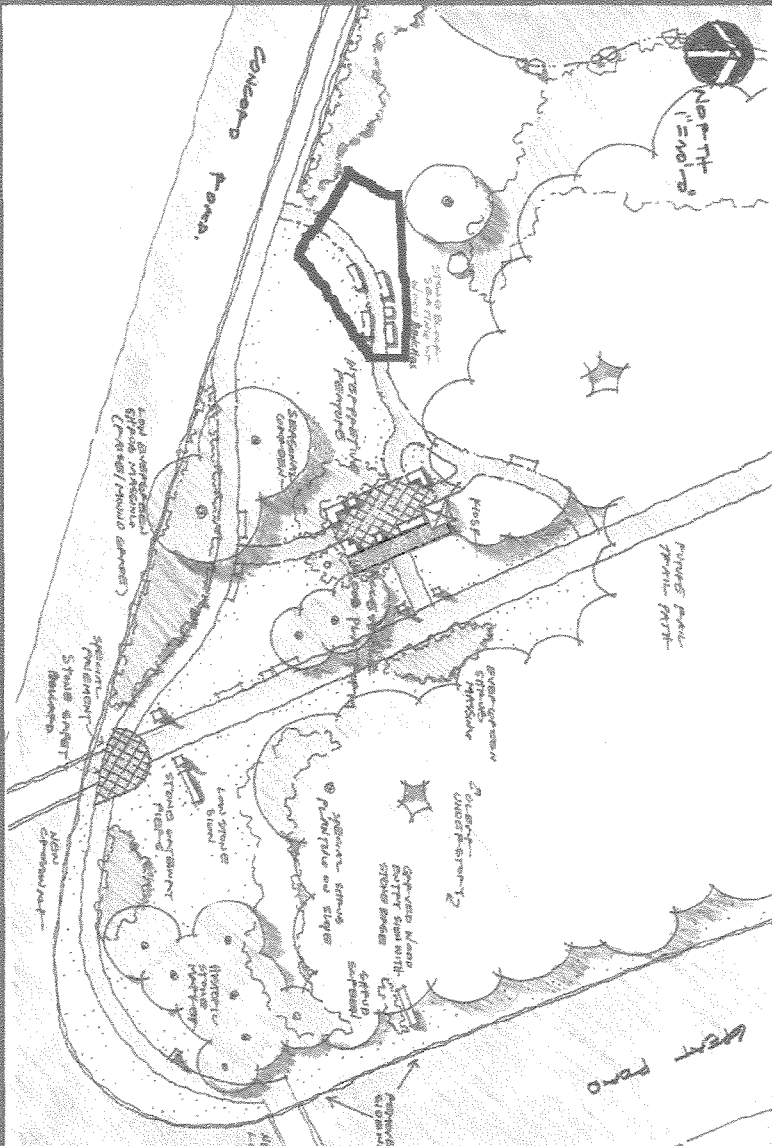




EAST ACTON VILLAGE GREEN

EAST ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN



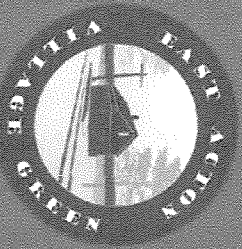
Planning Strategy

The strategy for the Open Space Development at East Acton Village Green is to create an attractive, simple, safe, and easily maintained public open space.

This open space will complement the overall future framework for numerous improvements in and around the East Acton Village.

Although these planned improvements are minor in nature, the strategy of providing attractive and functional public open space within the core of the East Acton Village will encourage more pedestrian oriented activity.

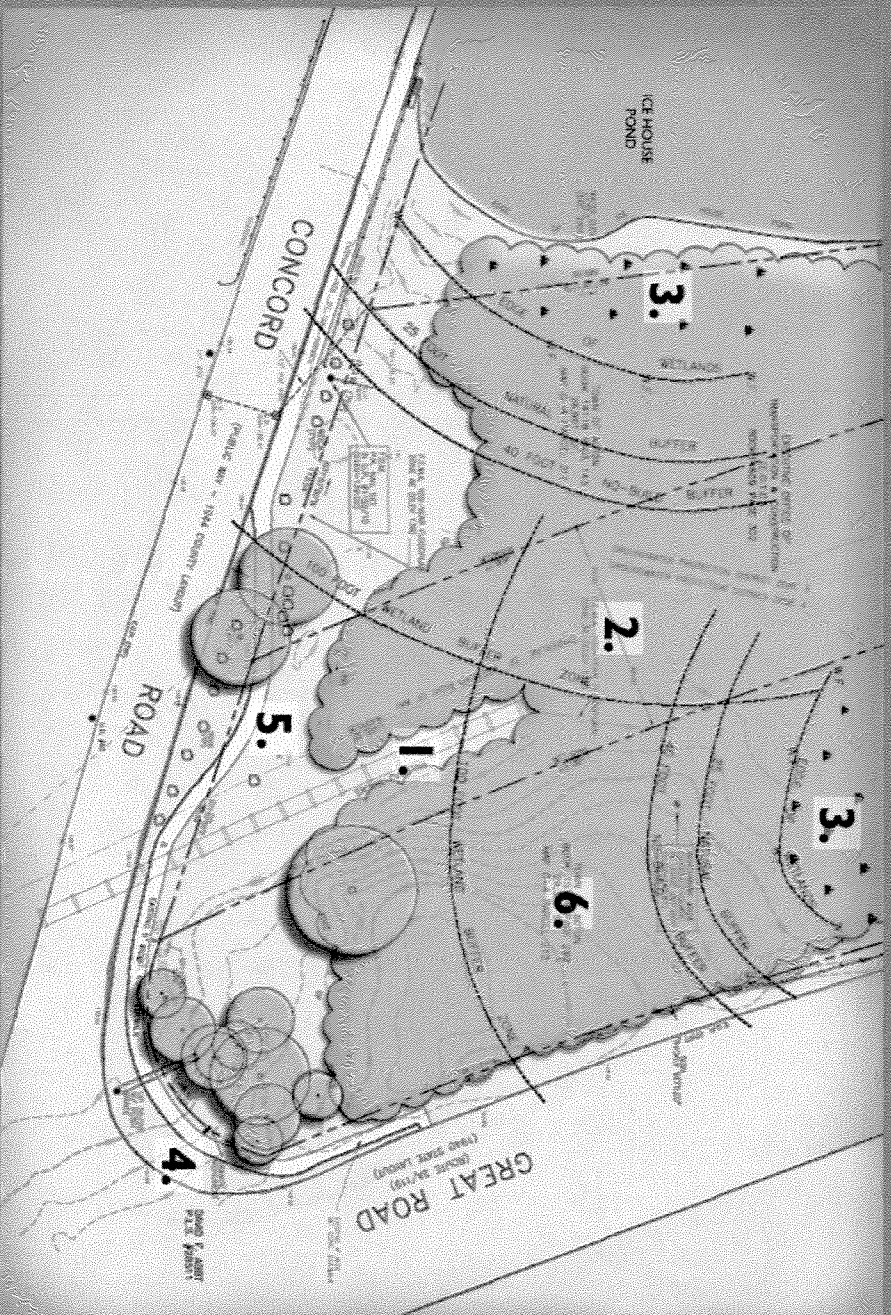
Today the East Acton Village is inundated with vehicles traveling in and out of local businesses and commercial establishments. Pedestrian oriented users will begin a process of bringing back a pedestrian scale and environment to the village area.



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EXISTING CONDITIONS



Legend

1. Abandoned Railroad Tracks
2. Railroad Easement
3. Wetlands
4. Granite Marker
5. Existing Walkway
6. Existing Vegetation Ledge Outcroppings

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